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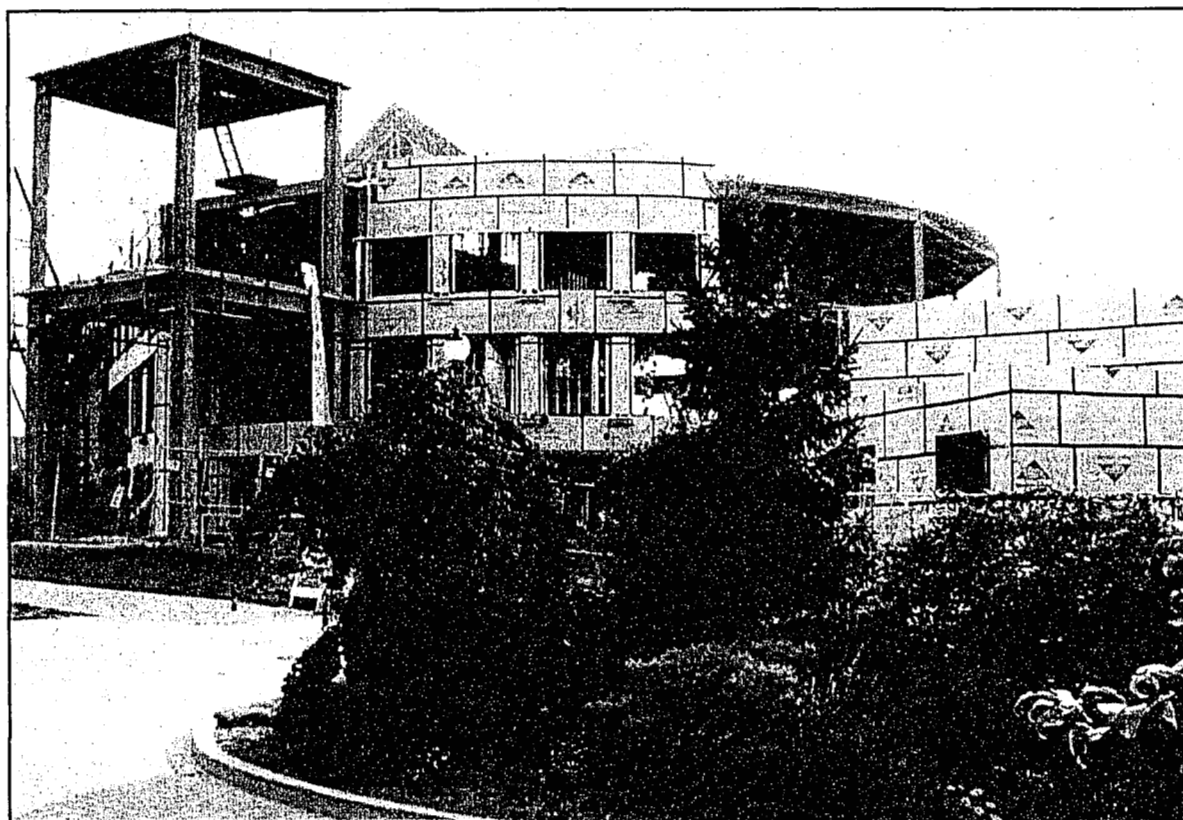
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NEW ERA AT XU:

While it does not look like much now, the completion of Xavier's new University Center, the Gallagher Center, will once again give students a central area to congregate and interact. Something the Class of 2005 will surely enjoy.

Common ground at XU

Residence Life accommodates growing demand for upperclassmen on-campus housing

BY LORI GOETZINGER

Campus News Editor

The Commons, Xavier's newest housing complex, opened its doors for early arrivals on Aug. 11. It was finished on schedule, according to Ava Jean Fiebig, director of Residence Life.

"The initial response of the residents was very positive. It has been a wonderful experience already, we look forward to Sunday when the rest of the students move in," Fiebig said.

Rich Bendelewski, a senior, moved into the Commons on Saturday. He was one of the few students who arrived early.

"The Commons are nice overall, but you can tell the building was put up in less than five months. I was happy it opened on time — I didn't think that it was going to," Bendelewski said.

The Residence Life Office is planning a reception for the opening of the Commons. It will take place in September.

The opening of the Commons on schedule is not the only success Residence Life is celebrating this year.

"I've been here since 1994 and we have never been able to meet the demand for housing. Now if a student has the desire to live on



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The Commons, Xavier's newest residence hall, opened up on time and is fully operational for all of its new habitants.

campus we have a spot for them," Fiebig said.

For the first time in eight years, housing is available right now — in August.

Buenger Hall is also going through some changes this year. Freshman honors students are moving into what was previously

a sophomore only hall. Over two-thirds of the building is devoted to honors.

"It is too early to tell if this will work yet, there was a fear that the freshmen wouldn't get to know as many people. This has presented a real challenge for our staff and their programming," Fiebig said.

— INSIDE THE NUMBERS —

How 2005 stacks up

Total Applicants 3,534

In 2000: 3,307

In 1999: 3,248

Acceptance rate 83.4%

In 2000: 87.8%

In 1999: 88.9%

Number of students 803

In 2000: 786

In 1999: 775

Percent female 54%

In 2000: 56.3%

In 1999: 60.1%

Average High School GPA 3.53

In 2000: 3.49

In 1999: 3.46

Average ACT score 25.3

In 2000: 25

In 1999: 24.9

Average SAT score 1166

In 2000: 1141

In 1999: 1134

Ranked first in class 19

In 2000: 27

In 1999: 26

Number of states represented 36

In 2000: 31

In 1999: 32

Percent living on campus 85%

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Grill and Skyline announce hours

The Schott Dining Hall (the Grill) and the Skyline Chili Cart announced their hours of operation for the upcoming school year. Schott Dining Hall will be open Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., and will be closed weekends. The Skyline Chili Cart located in Nieporte Lounge will be open Monday - Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Friday 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Sunday 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

New campus cable

Beginning this fall, DirecTV will provide cable service to students living on campus. The Resident Student Association, Office of Residence Life, and Physical Plant are responsible for the change. The new cable will have 65 channels, including four HBO movie channels. See next week's *NewsWire* for more information.

Theme house kicks off the year

The XU Men for Others Theme House at the Villa begins a week of activities on Aug. 27 with a Frisbee game at 8 p.m. Other events include an ice cream social at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28, a Twister game at 7 p.m. on Aug. 29, a barbeque at 6 p.m. on Aug. 30, and a dance party at 10:15 p.m. on Aug. 31.

Register online

Students can now register online at www.xu.edu using Student Online Services. This new addition will allow students to not only register for class but also drop and add courses to their schedule. For more information, visit the Office of the Registrar.

Panel Discussion

The Xavier Alliance will present a panel discussion entitled "Being Gay at Xavier" on Sept. 12 in Kelley Auditorium at 8 p.m. The panel will include students, professors and alumni.

Presidential inauguration

Rev. Mike Graham, S.J., will be inaugurated on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Classes will not meet on this day. The convocation will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Cintas Center.

Coffee Hour

Romero International Center will have its Welcome Back Coffee Hour on Aug. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

The essential guide to campus life (from the inside)

WHAT'S HERE TO KEEP YOUR MIND SHARP, YOUR BODY IN SHAPE, YOUR SOCIAL LIFE KICKIN' AND YOUR LIFE STRESS-FREE

BY LORI GOETZINGER
Campus News Editor

To understand the Xavier world in which you are now submerged, *The NewsWire* has compiled a list of Who's, What's and Where's at Xavier. This compilation could go on forever but this should get you off to a good start.

Who

Rev. Mike Graham, S.J. — That's right. He's the man and the president of the university. You might catch him around his office at Schmitt Hall or walking next to you on the mall.

Adrian Schiess — As director of Retention Services, he's your go-to guy for any snags you might face, from adjusting to college and financial aid problems to scheduling conflicts and everything in between.

He's available for you anytime. Stop by his office in Alter Hall.

Thad Matta — With his first season at XU just around the corner, men's basketball fans are anxiously awaiting to see how this year's team will fare. Matta comes to Xavier from Butler University.

Melanie Balcomb — As the women's basketball head coach she led the team last season to an Atlantic 10 championship and the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament.

Chief Mike Couch — As the head of Xavier's Safety and Security, Chief Couch's job is to enforce those crazy campus laws.

The Chief is also a good source of information about the safety of campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. Find Campus Police at the end of the residential mall past Buenger.

Terry Nieman — If there is only one person you need to remember, it is this man, the director of the campus post office and your supply line for goodies from family and friends.

A 22-year veteran of Xavier, Nieman is a favorite of freshmen. It won't be his fault when your mailbox is full of nothing but junk. Catch Nieman and crew in the basement of Logan Hall.

The Blue Blob — Don't think that now you're at college you're too good for ridiculous characters whose main purpose is to excite you into a crazed frenzy for the sake of school spirit.

Because you aren't.

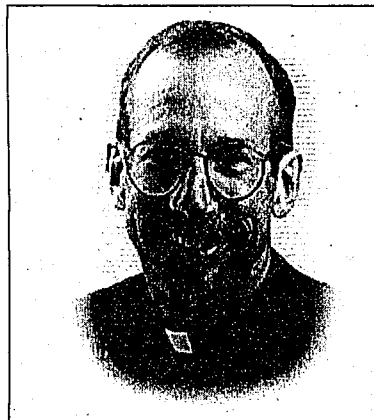
Meet our mascots, the Blue Blob and D'Artagnan (the fierce Musketeer) at Xavier home games.

Rev. John LaRocca, S.J. — Xavier chef and professor lives on the second floor of Kuhlman

and welcomes students every Friday night for a pasta dinner.

Bring a fork, plate and beverage to enjoy the feast. Hey, and if you miss your pet, LaRocca's beagle, Muskie, can help curb the longing.

Your Adviser — Whoever this may be, get to know him/her. He/she will help you more than you will ever know. If you haven't



FILE PHOTO

Rev. Mike Graham, S.J.

already met, go to his/her office and introduce yourself at the beginning of the semester.

What

Information Desk — It's the 411 for campus. Call them at 745-3201 for student and faculty phone numbers and campus events. Or stop by their office in Nieporte Lounge in Williams College of Business Administration (CBA).

The Web Site — www.xu.edu. Memorize it. This site will quickly find its way into your favorites.

It is home to all sorts of helpful information. Quickly sign on to Student Online Services to access your schedule, transcript, grades and beginning this year — registration!

The Commuter Information Center — (CIC) For commuters, this is your resource for campus. Commuter Assistants (CAs) are similar to RAs and are here to help with concerns and needs about commuting to XU. The CIC also plans events throughout the year for all students.

Computer labs — Technology is at its finest at Xavier, and the university provides IBM and Macintosh computers for student use.

Computer labs are located in Kuhlman, Alter, Cohen, McDonald Library, CBA and Elet. Their hours vary.

For computer questions, the Academic Computing Center's Student Help Desk is located in the basement of Alter Hall. Call 745-4863 for assistance.

The Shuttle — The shuttle is a service provided by Campus Police and Student Government Association (SGA) for students to be herded on or off campus.

The on-campus shuttle runs throughout the day on a set route. Off-campus shuttle hours are Sunday through Thursday 5 p.m. until 2 a.m. and weekends from 5 p.m. until 3 a.m. Call 745-DRIVE to hitch a ride.

Where

McDonald Memorial Library — The academic hub of campus, the library has over 330,000 volumes of books and journals for student use with microfiche, video, audio and compact disc collections.

The library hours are from Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday noon to 1 a.m.

Bookstore — Before you can study in the library, you'll need

to stop by the bookstore (first floor of CBA). All textbooks are available there or shop the Xavier Bookstore online through our web page, www.xu.edu.

While you are there don't forget to pick up a "Xavier Days" planner — the key to organizing your first year.

O'Connor Sports Center — This is the place on campus to go for a swim or pump some iron. It is on the west side of campus across Victory Parkway. The sports center hours are Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Many offices have been relocated to OSC due to the loss of the old University Center.

Bellarmino Chapel — Also a parish church, Bellarmino Chapel provides services for the Xavier community. A student Mass takes place Sunday at 10 p.m. allowing the student body to become a spiritual community.

All Card Center — Located on the first floor of CBA, the center is a resource for questions about your All Card, the official university identification.

The All Card is your access to the library and your meal plan. It can also be used as cash throughout campus at the bookstore, food services, copy machines, vending machines and for those library fees.

Firststar Bank — For those of

you counting on Firststar for your banking needs you are in luck. Xavier has its own bank branch located on the first floor of the Williams College of Business.

McGrath Health and Counseling Center — It is here for the physical and mental health of the Xavier community and is located on Cleaney Avenue, just past the Cohen lot.

Career Services Center — Your key to the good job. The Career Services Center is in the O'Connor Sports Center, and the people there will help you with job searching and internships, business etiquette and résumé building.

Office of Financial Aid — The people who decide your financial aid award letter are located in Walker Hall, 1500 Dana Ave. Any questions or concerns about your \$10,000 loan, call them.

Learning Assistance Center — (LAC) Not only does the center provide

accommodations for students with disabilities, it also gives free tutoring and academic counseling to all students. Find them on the first floor of Kuhlman.

Office of the Registrar — This office located in Alter handles registration, transcripts, academic records and degree certification. When in doubt about an academic question, this is a good place to start.

Writing Center — No, these people will not write your paper for you, but they will critique your work and offer suggestions. Available for any student, the James A. Glenn Writing Center is located in the basement of Alter Hall.

Lodge Learning Lab — A resource center mainly for education majors and teachers, the materials are available to all students. Children's literature, multimedia teaching materials and audiovisual equipment are here. Lodge Learning Lab is in the Cohen Center.

Skyline Chili Cart — Those of you new to Cincinnati are about to be exposed to one of our city's finest cuisines, Skyline Chili.

The Grill — Xavier jargon for the Schott Dining Hall, the campus restaurant. Complete with sandwiches and snacks, the Grill's atmosphere is perfect for grabbing a snack between classes or getting a cup of hot coffee to start the day.

The Cafe — You'd better find the Cafe or you'll starve. This haven is in the Cintas Center. Be nice to the staff — they will quickly become your new best friends.

— Melissa Currence
contributed to this article.



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— STAFF EDITORIAL —

It's the little things

It's the little things that make a difference. But, it's not just having someone clean your bathroom and make you custom omelets anymore. Xavier has been busy the last few years to bring you the best of everything — from cable TV and state-of-the-art buildings to first-class sports programs and provocative visiting professors. All this and the president lives next door to the students.

Believe us when we tell you that you have got it nice here at Xavier. Your parents were not kidding when they exclaimed, "We never had such luxury when we went to school!" and "Your sister didn't have 65 channels at ... [insert sub-standard university here]." Sixty-five channels?!?!

Yep, that was not a typo — the Xavier cable setup is now DirecTV with 65 channels, including four HBO channels. So now you can stop worrying about how you were going to catch the next season of "Sex and the City."

And it is impossible that you've not noticed the building being constructed across from Bellarmine — it's soon to be the new Gallagher Student Center. According to optimistic projections, by the end of the year we

will be enjoying a new theater, cyber cafe, wireless computer labs, bookstore, fast food restaurants, retail stores and more.

The faces are also changing at Xavier. Last year, the men's basketball program hired Thad Matta as the new head coach, as former coach Skip Prosser left for Wake Forest. We at *The Newswire* are confident that he and his staff can lead the men to another NCAA appearance. Check out the new coach and his team in November.

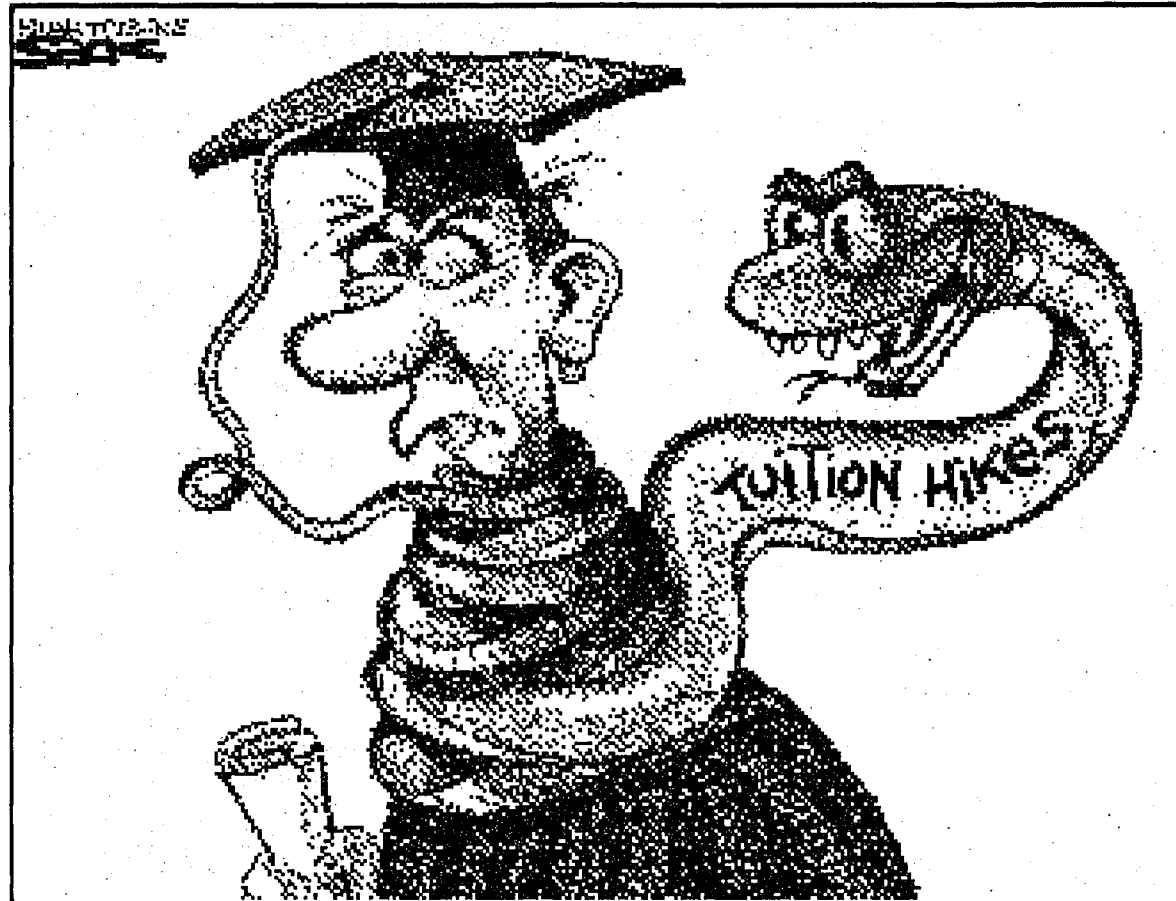
Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B., will also be a new face on campus while she's visiting XU as the medical and

religious chair for 2001. Chittister has been featured in *Time* and other major publications with her controversial and liberal opinions, such as women in the priesthood. Take some time this semester to learn more about her

views and her battles with the men in Rome.

Other new faces are your next-door neighbors. Take the time to get to know them, and take it from us, 3 a.m. in the lounge is the perfect time. Speaking of neighbors, our president, Father Graham is living next door to the students on the fourth floor of the Commons. Stop by and chat with him in his student lounge — or bring by some pizza, cookies or your favorite beverage and tell him *The Newswire* sent you.

"Xavier has been busy the last few years to bring you the best of everything..."



— CAMPUS PERSPECTIVES —

A little friendly advice

BY ERIN NEVIUS

Opinions and Editorials Editor

Welcome to college, home of cheap beer, Papa John's pizza and community bathrooms! This is the promised land for any red-blooded 18 year old. Congratulations are in order.

"Welcome to college, home of cheap beer, Papa John's pizza and community bathrooms! This is the promised land for any red-blooded 18 year old. Congratulations are in order."

So Xavier is your new home. You packed all of your belongings into large plastic tubs and pulled away from your parents' nice, comfortable house. You drove to Cincinnati and were accosted by several very enthusiastic people who took all your stuff and threw it into a dorm room you couldn't find. You've met your roommate, who'll soon become your best friend or worst enemy. What do you think so far?

I know what I thought: For God's sake, somebody help me! Where is Alter Hall? What is that yellow thing in the middle of campus? And what in the world is that smell in the cafeteria?

I'm writing to offer the wisdom and, dare I say it, divine revelations that I have procured after three years of college living. Here are some tips to help you down the road of higher education, Xavier-style.

1. **Talk** — a lot. In fact, talk to everyone you see. When else are you going to have the opportunity

to meet people from all over the world in your hallway? Everyone is looking for people to pal around with, so find some. Hell, find all of them. The more the merrier.

2. **Get involved.** There are approximately 3,784 clubs on Xavier's campus (okay, maybe I'm exaggerating slightly, but you get the point). One of them has to appeal to you, so join it. Not only is it a great way to meet people, it's also a fantastic excuse for missing class. Here comes my shameless plug: Join *The Newswire*! It's fun, exciting and you'll get paid!

3. **Disregard what I just said about skipping class.** It's a really, really, really bad idea. I know it's fun to decide not to go when you don't want to, but attendance is the single most crucial thing you can do to get good grades. Trust me, this was one of the divine revelations.

4. Have you heard about the "Freshman 15," the dreaded inch or two that attaches itself to your waist when you get to school? It's avoidable. Don't regard the Cafe's all-you-can-eat policy as a personal challenge. Late-night study sessions don't have to be complimented with pizza. And the main culprit? Beer. Now, I'm not saying do not drink. But I do know that three regular beers have the calories of an entire meal. You do the math.

5. **Get out.** Computers may be pretty cool nowadays, but neither they nor any game system I've ever seen can replace the friends you'll make over the next four years. Hang out on the mall, in the Cafe and on the steps of Brockman. It'll be fun, I promise.

6. **Don't go home every weekend.** Not only will you miss all the good parties, you'll miss the life-long bonding that happens over keg beer. I know you miss your old friends, but that's why Xavier has provided you with 900 new people to meet and have fun with.

7. **Pay your long-distance bill.** The phone company will hunt you down and destroy you if you don't.

8. Now, I know this will be painful for some of you to hear, but your

significant other in high school won't always be the most important person in your life anymore. In fact, they can become an obstacle, preventing you from really experiencing your freshman year. I'm not recommending you immediately dump them when your feet hit the campus, but I do think that if you find yourself thinking, "Oh God, I have to interrupt our game of drinking Trivial Pursuit again to call Jamie," it's time to let go.

9. The friends you make in the first week will probably not be the people in your wedding. **Friend groups tend to shift,** split and evolve for the first couple years, until you find exactly the right one. And you will, it just takes awhile.

"In between studying (which you have to do), parties (which I recommend you do, in moderation, of course) and extracurricular activities (which I insist upon), remember to enjoy yourself."

10. Finally, **have fun.** Your freshman year of college can be the most exciting time of your life, with new friends, more knowledge and, most importantly, no parental supervision. In between studying (which you have to do), parties (which I recommend you do, in moderation, of course) and extracurricular activities (which I insist upon), remember to enjoy yourself. I don't think it will be difficult.

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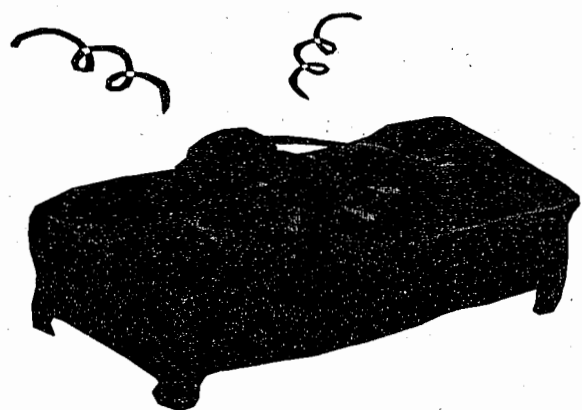
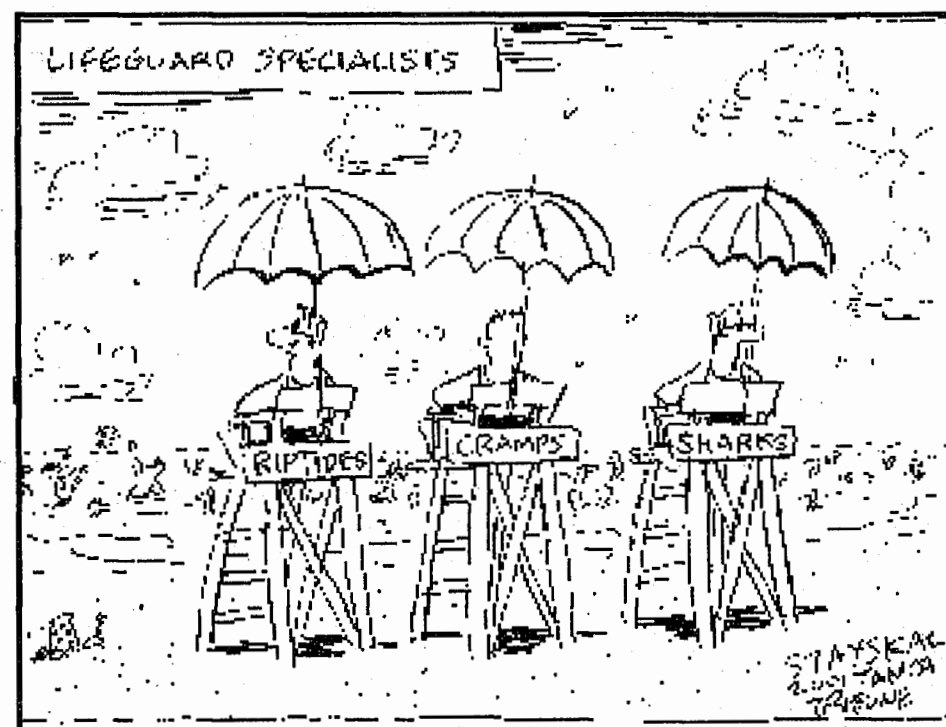
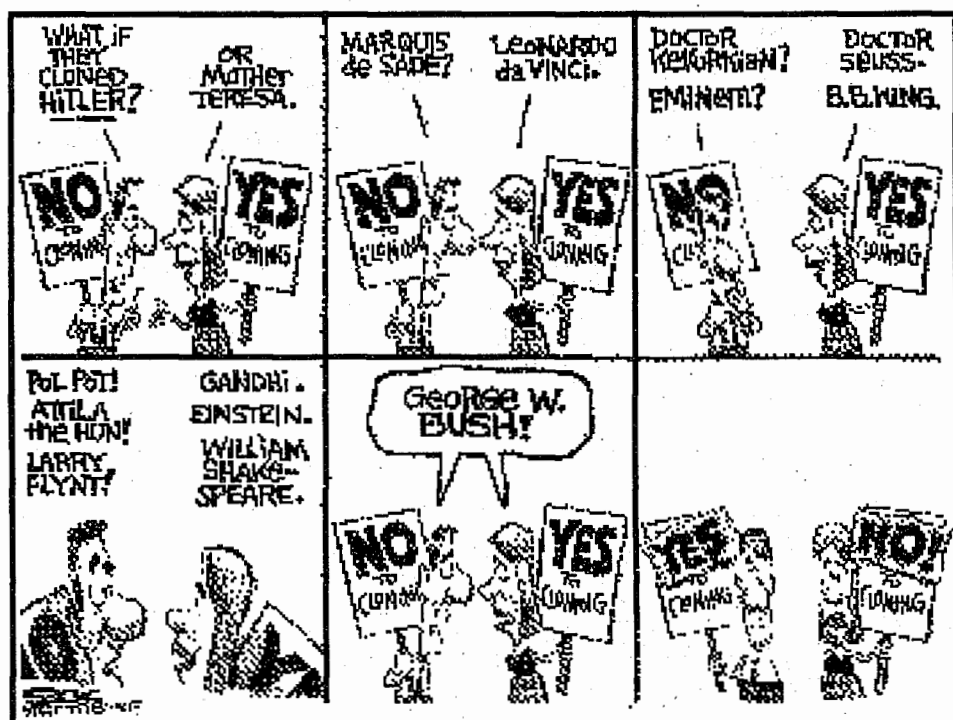
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The summer in sarcasm

A little review for those of you who didn't pay enough attention to the news.



Freshman:

Do yourselves a favor, get mom and dad a subscription to *The Newswire*. Then they'll cut you some slack come midterms.

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'Going Home'

Xavier University's 2001-2002 Film Series, "Going Home in Movies" is a series of eight films dealing with people who "go home."

The fall series kicks off Friday, Sept. 7 with "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) at 7:30 p.m. in Kelley Auditorium in Alter Hall. Admission is free. All the films are introduced by Brother Jerome Pryor, S.J., of Xavier's department of art. A brief discussion follows each film.

The fall series continues with "Gladiator" (2000) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14; "The Snake Pit" (1948) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21; and "Random Harvest" (1942) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday Sept. 28. For further information, call Pryor at 745-3811.

XU exhibitions

On Aug. 26 through Sept. 14, Xavier and the department of art welcome exhibitions of sculpture and paintings by two visiting artists.

Professor Christopher Garcia hails from the Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio and will show his sculpture, and Professor Barry Motes teaches at Jefferson Community College in Louisville, Ky. and will present a series of paintings.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 2p.m. to 4p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy their work at the Cohen Art Gallery.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed during university holidays.

For more information, call the gallery receptionist at 745-3811.

CAM open late

The Cincinnati Art Museum will be open until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5. With the change, the museum will have different themes every month and each Wednesday will have gallery talks by curators, live music and films that reflect the theme.

There will also be a hands-on art activity for adults every month with a local artist.

September's theme is "Celebrations of the Collection" and will feature music by IsWhat and gallery talks with Deputy Director Stephen Bonadies and Chief Conservator Fred Wallace.

October's theme is "Spooky Tales" featuring museum ghost stories and the ARC Chamber Orchestra.

For more information about Wednesday nights or program dates, call 721-ARTS or visit www.cincinnatiARTmuseum.org.

---Jill Green

The city awaits ... what are you waiting for?

SO MANY ATTRACTIONS, SO LITTLE TIME. GET OUT THERE AND DISCOVER CINCINNATI.

BY MIKE KOHLBECKER
Divisions Editor

OK, enough bumming around campus — it is time to venture out of your comfort zone and into the city. It does not take long for one to realize the endless opportunities for entertainment in Cincinnati.

First and foremost is the variety of professional sports offered up. This year's baseball season has been a rather dismal one for the **Reds**, but that's no reason to not enjoy some yummy ballpark concessions and good visiting teams. Depending on where the seats are, tickets to Reds games are extremely rea-

sonable. Even less remarkable lately is the **Bengals** football team. The Reds play at Cinergy Field on the riverfront, and the Bengals can be found next door at the recently completed Paul Brown Stadium.

Cincinnati is also home to IHL hockey teams the **Mighty Ducks** and the **Cyclones**, as well as basketball powerhouse, the **Stuff**. Contact Ticketmaster to score killer seats at the Firststar Center.

A Cincinnati experience is not complete without a visit to the **Cincinnati Museum Center**. In addition to the various special exhibits, an Omnimax theater is also located in the museum. Call 287-7000 for more info about a larger-than-life experience.

Still a new attraction is the nationally renown **Newport Aquarium** just over the river in Northern Kentucky. Creative exhibits like underwater tunnels and interestingly diverse inhabitants make this attraction the "must see" of Cincinnati.

Looking for a place to loosen up and have your funny bone tickled? **Go Bananas** is the place for you. This club features nationally known comedians who bring the crowd to hysterics at least four days a week. Every Thursday is college ID night. Flash your ID for \$4 admission.

Or, maybe your idea of comedy is in the form of a cultured Shakespeare production. Fear

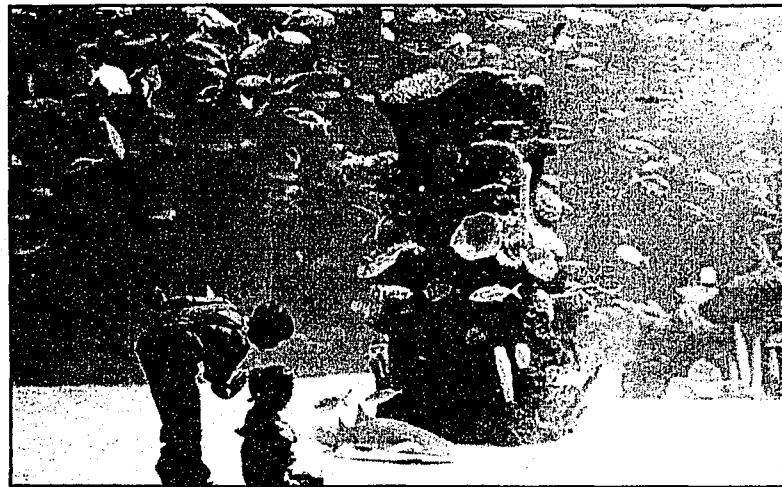


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The Newport Aquarium is one of many attractions in the Greater Cincinnati area.

not, my lady! It is with great honour that I present to thee **Playhouse in the Park**. I summon thee to call 1-800-582-3208 for ticket information and production schedules.

For those who enjoy the club scene and think their bodies are especially "bootylicious," look into the Main Street entertainment district downtown. Also don't forget to mingle with your classmates Wednesday's at **Soupie's** (located in the Norwood Plaza) for Xavier night. Hopefully all that dancing in front of the mirror will finally pay off.

Bowling is the cornerstone of human civilization. If you agree, take a walk (or get the shuttle to take you) to **Stone's Lanes** on

Montgomery Road. This place never fails to serve up some good ol' competition. Be sure to call out anyone who steps over the line.

Hey guess what, you now live in the middle of a major metropolitan city. This is only a small part of the stuff out there. Do some exploring of your own and find your own little piece of heaven.

But, if you're stubborn and lazy like that, a suggestion is the beautiful **Eden Park** and **Mount Adams** areas. Check out the **Art Museum** (free admission on Saturdays) in Eden Park or enjoy the view of the city from Mount Adams.

There is no excuse to complain about being bored in Cincinnati. The Queen City is at your service!

Putting on the 'freshman 15' in style

JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIVE AT HOME ANYMORE DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T EAT WELL

BY MIKE KOHLBECKER
Divisions Editor

You say you like food; here are your best bets when the cafeteria cuisine leaves you craving more.

Fast Food

Cincinnati's most defining characteristic is its chili. Most enthusiasts will tell you there is only one place to obtain this legendary slop of heaven — **Skyline Chili**. Their chili has a secret ingredient that keeps people coming back again and again. Vegetarian? No problem, just ask for a baked potato, salad or bean burrito.

Lucky for you, the Skyline empire has seemingly invaded every Cincinnati street corner. If you get a chance, eat in. The dining room is designed so the customers get a glimpse into the chaotic world of chili preparation.

Italian

There is only one place to go for Italian cuisine in Cincinnati. This haven of pasta goodness is **Betta's**,

which is located in Mt. Lookout.

Restaurant owner Betta DeLuca makes her own sauce. Also, no dish makes it out of the kitchen without her personal stamp of approval. The result? Best Italian food — ever! The chicken parmesan is especially recommended.

Mexican

Recently voted "Best New Restaurant" and "Best Vegetarian Burrito" is **Habanero** on Ludlow Avenue in Clifton. The restaurant boasts homemade salsa and the popular "create your own burrito" option. One taste and you'll never settle for Taco Bell again.

Coffeehouses

If you are not a coffee drinker now, you will be by the time you graduate (just wait until finals roll around). You can practice for hell week at a variety of coffeehouses.

The Buzz is located at 2900 Jefferson Ave. in Clifton. It features a used CD store on the second floor. Your fellow coffee patrons some-

times resemble a bad Halloween costume party, but the various couches and loud music make this a rockin' place to consume your latte.

For a place to sit down at a table try **Highland's** on Highland Ave. (duh) in Clifton. This low-light smokey establishment is a good place to study, providing the wall decorations don't distract you.

When the weather is warmer, **Blue Mountain Coffee Company** at 3181 Lindwood Ave. in Mount Lookout is the place to go. You can check out the bustling activity of Mount Lookout Square while you down your coffee on their outdoor patio.

Dessert

One of the finer things in life that put Cincinnati on the map is **Graeter's Ice Cream**. This homemade wonder is a Zen-like experience that puts Ben & Jerry's to shame. There are a few locations, the closest being in Hyde Park.

A Xavier Tradition

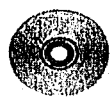
Any Musketeer with an IQ above four will tell you about the Xavier tradition of **Dana's**, the Xavier bar. Underage students can indulge in wings, burgers or a "Matta Melt" while they challenge the video games. If you're not 21, please don't jeopardize their liquor license by bringing a fake.

UH OH

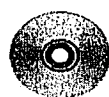
Unless you packed your mom in your suitcase, you may find yourself cooking for yourself. (And no, Spaghetti O's is not considered "cooking.") Don't worry, there is a Kroger down Herald Avenue, which is lovingly referred to as "Ghetto Kroger" by students. Oh yeah, go there during the daylight hours.

The more upscale shoppers may want to shop at the Thriftway in Surrey Square of Montgomery Road.

If you are by chance cooking for your entire residence hall, there is a Sam's Club on Ridge Road.



New Releases



The following discs are due for release on or before Aug. 28 ...

Bjork, Vespertine (Elektra) ... **Reggie and the Full Effect/Ultimate Fakebook**, **Reggie and the Full Effect/Ultimate Fakebook** (Vagrant) ... **Mary J. Blige, No More Drama** (MCA) ... **Brian McKnight, Superhero** (Motown) ... **Powerman 5000, Anyone for Doomsday?** (DreamWorks) ... **Puddle of Mudd, Come Clean** (Interscope) ... **Slipknot, Iowa** (Roadrunner) ... **Butthole Surfers, Weird Revolution** (Hollywood) ... **Little T & One Track Mike, Fame is Dope** (Atlantic) ... **RZA, Digital Bullet** (Koch)

...all dates are tentative.

Live Wires

Monday, Aug. 27
John Mellencamp
w/ **The Wallflowers**
@ Riverbend Music Center

Sunday, Aug. 27
Darryl Worley
@ Bogart's

Saturday, Sept. 1
Stabbing Westard
w/ **Lennon**
@ Bogart's

Sunday, Sept. 2
Homunculus
@ Million's

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Cincy sports

There are some definite advantages to living in the Queen City. Unfortunately as far as sports go, good professional teams are not one of them.

The Reds haven't been the same since falling to the Mets in the one-game playoff a few years back, while the Bengals have not even been respectable since Boomer was under center.

There is a silver lining though. The Bengals decided to ante up and keep Corey Dillon this season, giving off the impression that they might actually care about winning. At least watching the Reds will let you see one of the best players of the '90s (Griffey Jr.).

With Paul Brown Stadium being one of the crown jewels of the NFL and the Reds a season away from the brand new Great American Ballpark, you can at least be miserable in a nice environment.

Things to do

Just in case you're interested in fighting off the freshman 15, the O'Connor Sports Center (OSC) offers several ways for you to stay fit and fight off all the beverages and pizza you will undoubtedly consume.

The OSC offers students the chance to hit the weight room, swim a few laps, play some racquetball and make use of one of the three basketball courts it houses.

Aerobics classes will be offered this year as well. Students can purchase passes to participate in the sessions. For more information, pick up a brochure in the OSC.

For those of you who are looking for something a little more involved and competitive, the OSC offers students the chance to take part in a wide range of intramural and club sports.

Team intramural sports include flag football, softball, 4-on-4 basketball, indoor/outdoor soccer and all-terrain and triples volleyball. Individual and duo sports include racquetball, a 3-point shootout, and an All for One 5K.

Intramural sports are divided into men's, women's and co-recreational divisions depending on the sport. Entry forms are located in the OSC. Team captains must submit a \$20 forfeit fee upon registering.

Club sports include boxing, crew, fencing, ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, martial arts, rugby, sailing, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and men's and women's volleyball.

Returning this year will be the Bicycle Wild Card tournament, Hall Wars (a competition among resident halls) and a welcome back volleyball tournament in September.

—Joe Angolia

XU sports have tough act to follow

Five NCAA Tournament teams has raised the bar at Xavier

BY JOE ANGOLIA

Editor-in-Chief

It was a good year to be a Musketeer. Headlined by the women's basketball team storming through the NCAA Tournament and national powerhouse Tennessee en route to an appearance in the Elite Eight, the university saw five of its athletic teams advance to NCAA Tournament play.

The women's basketball team, women's soccer team and men's golf team earned automatic bids by winning the Atlantic 10 Championship. The men's basketball team returned to the senior prom and the rifle team followed up a second-place finish in the 2000 NCAA Championships with a fourth-place finish this past year.

Individually, Xavier saw three of its athletes take the A-10 Player-of-the-Year award. Junior David West and the departed Jen Phillips garnered the top honors in basketball, while senior Sara Bachus' ability to kill the competition earned her a nod as the conference's best volleyball player.

The banner year will not easily be repeated. What follows is a short glimpse at what you can expect this year from Xavier's athletic teams.

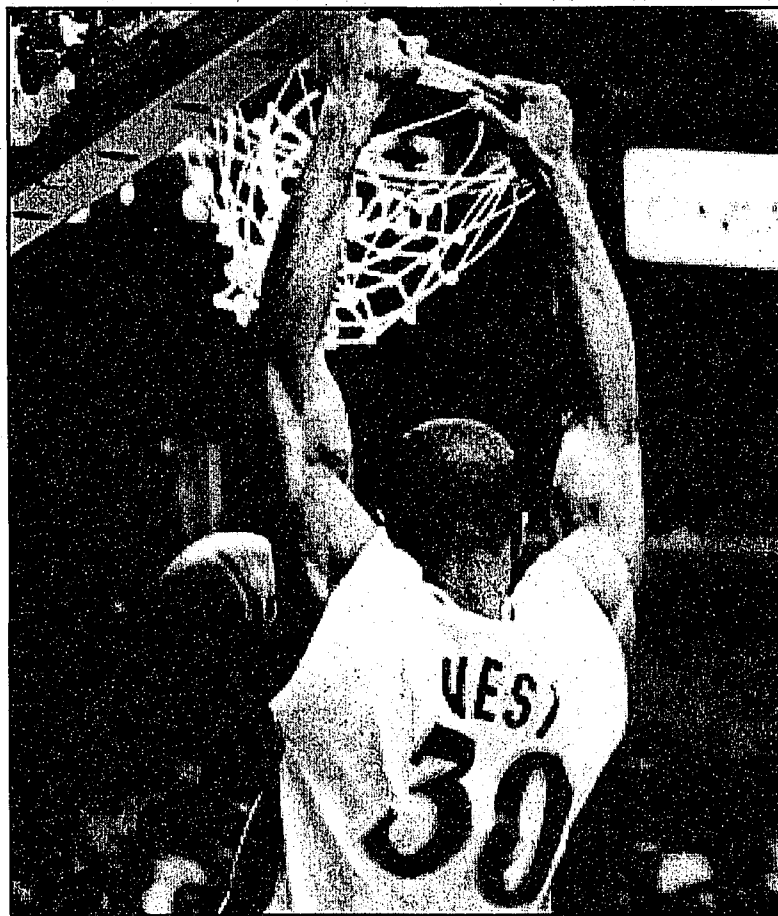
MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Xmen took a step in the right direction last season by returning to the NCAA Tournament after a two-year hiatus. Though they were knocked off in the first



PHOTO COURTESY OF SID

Thad Matta enters his first year as the head men's basketball coach after a 24-win season at Butler.



NEWSWIRE FILE PHOTO

Junior David West earned the Atlantic 10 Player-of-the-Year award last season after averaging 17.8 points per game and 10.9 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

round by the Troy Murphy-led Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, the Xmen got back to the big dance in what turned out to be former head coach Skip Prosser's last season at XU.

This year it will be up to new head coach Thad Matta to see that the Xmen are more than just a one-and-done participant, something he should know a little bit about having led Butler past then 23rd-ranked Wake Forest in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

In just his first year as Butler's head coach, Matta guided the Bulldogs to a school-record 24 wins, the MCC Tournament Championship and earned the MCC's Coach-of-the-Year award.

With more NCAA Tournament victories than the Musketeers have seen in the last four years, Matta could be the change of pace the Musketeers have needed.

Matta will have plenty of talent on-hand to make his impact felt in his first year. West, the reigning A-

10 Player-of-the-Year, returns for his third year and will be the anchor of the squad.

After averaging a double-double in his sophomore campaign (17.8 points per game and 10.9 rebounds per game), XU's big man was one of 50 players chosen as preseason candidates for the John Wooden Award All-American Team.

Senior Kevin Frey (who's on the verge of topping the 1,000-point milestone) and sophomore Romain Sato (a member of the All-Rookie Team as a freshman) give Matta two more highly effective players.

Junior Lionel Chalmers takes over at the point for the departed Maurice McAfee, leaving one spot up for grabs.

Once the Muskies starting five takes shape, they should be ready to contend with conference frontrunner St. Joseph's.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

First the good news: the Musketeers have won the last two A-10

Championships and are coming off of a year in which they won 31 games and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

Now for the bad news: head coach Melanie Balcomb's squad lost five players, including three 1,000-point scorers (all of whom were drafted by the WNBA this past year).

The loss of Taru Tuukkanen, Phillips and Nicole Levandusky (now with the L.A. Sparks), leaves some gaping holes in the Musketeers' rotation.

Except in the backcourt where the tandem of Amy Waugh and Reetta Piipari leaves Balcomb with two seasoned veterans, both of whom are capable of running the point. Waugh was the A-10's Rookie-of-the-Year as a freshman, while Piipari led the nation in assists last season.

Aside from Waugh and Piipari, the Muskies return just four players from a year ago.

It could be a rough year for the Musketeers, as Balcomb will depend on plenty of green players to age quickly. The incoming class will probably be put to the test early and often.

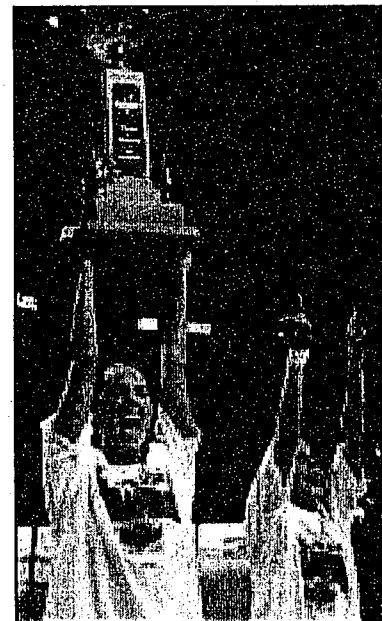


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Jen Phillips (left) hoists the A-10 Championship trophy after the Musketeers won their second-consecutive Atlantic 10 Title.



On Tap



Sunday, Aug. 26

•Women's soccer vs. Western Kentucky at 2 p.m. *

Friday, Aug. 31

•Volleyball vs. Rutgers at 10 a.m. #
•Men's soccer at Wright State at 7 p.m.
•Volleyball vs. James Madison at 7 p.m. #
•Women's soccer vs. Minnesota at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1

•Volleyball vs. Mississippi at 10 a.m. #
•Men's soccer vs. Alumni at 7 p.m. *

Sunday, Sept. 2

•Men's soccer vs. Virginia Tech at 2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 7

•Volleyball vs. Liberty at 10 a.m. in XU Invitational
•Men's soccer vs. Denver at 4 p.m. in Denver Invitational

•Women's soccer vs. Marshall at 7 p.m.
•Volleyball vs. Alabama at 7:30 p.m. in XU Invitational
•Men's golf at Wisconsin Invitational

* exhibition match
match to take place at James Madison Tournament

Home soccer games take place at Corcoran Field.

Home volleyball games take place at Cintas Center.

Home games are in bold.

GAME of the WEEK

WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. MINNESOTA

Friday Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. at Corcoran Field

The defending Atlantic 10 Champions get the 2001 campaign underway against Big Ten opponent Minnesota. The Musketeers tied a team-record with 14 wins last season and will be eager to live up to last year's success while trying to earn another appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

XU: sports preview

VOLLEYBALL

For what it's worth, last season's volleyball squad should have been the school's sixth NCAA participant.

After compiling a 23-8 record, and advancing to the A-10 Championship game, the Musketeers seemed poised to earn an at-large bid but instead found themselves snubbed by the selection committee.

"We sat in front of the TV and watched the selections last year, and I saw some hearts go down," said head coach Floyd Deaton. "We came to the conclusion that there is only one way Xavier is ever going to get to the NCAA Tournament and that's to win the A-10 Championship."

With five seniors returning and a new motto "one way, one goal" the Musketeers have enough talent to do just that and avoid the waiting game come selection time.

Led by seniors Jill Hampton and A-10 Player-of-the-Year Sara Bachus, Deaton's squad is loaded with experience and ability.

"I really believe that with Sara and Jill I have two young ladies who could be A-10 Player-of-the-Year," said Deaton.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

For the second time in three years, the Musketeers won the Atlantic 10 Championship and

earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The only year they didn't win the title was in 1999 when they lost in the championship game.

They've become one of the elite team's in the conference and you can bet that they'll be right back in the mix of things this season.

The Muskies tied a school-record with 14 wins and set a school-record with 11 shutouts.

While the team lost four key starters, including the school's second all-time leading scorer Annette Gruber, most of the record-setting defense returns for another title run including senior tri-captains Liz Singer, Margaret Broe and Lauren Garber.

"I think we could surprise a lot of people this season," said ninth-year head coach Dr. Ron Quinn, "because they see us in a rebuilding mode. We have a strong nucleus back, particularly on defense."

MEN'S GOLF

Senior Tim Donovan made his last year at Xavier an historic one. Donovan took medalist honors at the A-10 Championships and led the Muskies to the A-10 title and their first trip to the NCAA Golf Tournament.

Donovan became the first-ever Atlantic 10 Champion to shoot under 200 for the three-day event, after firing a 19-under par 197 for the

tournament. In addition, Donovan was named the men's golf Student-Athlete-of-the-Year.

The team set a school and A-10 Championship record with a 23-under par three-round total of 841. It was the first time in school history that the Musketeers had finished a tournament under par as a team.

The Musketeers went on to tie for 20th place in the NCAA Tournament.

Though repeating last year's success could prove extremely difficult, the Musketeers welcome in a strong freshman class that could make a run at it.

MEN'S SOCCER

With this year's A-10 Championship taking place at XU's own Corcoran Field, the Musketeers are eyeing the opportunity to enjoy a home field advantage in the conference tournament.

The lone setback being the Musketeers were just 4-15 last season, though all four wins came in conference play.

Having lost only three starters, one being the goalie, the Musketeers return an experienced squad and could add a few tallies to the wins column.

"The boys are definitely looking to show that they can be successful, not just competitive," said head coach Jack Hermans. "Our goal is very simple: We want to have a winning season and compete for a spot in the Atlantic 10 Tournament."

The Muskies welcome in eight newcomers, including three goalies, who will push for playing time.

BASEBALL

The baseball team's biggest highlights of the year came after the regular season had concluded. Junior first baseman Mark Andres was named First Team All-Atlantic 10 and Kevin Cave was selected by the Florida Marlins in the 17th round of the 2001 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Andres batted .338 and totaled a team-high 55 RBI's during his sophomore season. He finished the year ranked in the "Top 10" in several of the conference's offensive categories, while pacing the team with a .979 fielding percentage.

His average jumped over 100 points between his freshman and sophomore season (.240 as a freshman) and recorded the second-longest hitting streak in XU history at 20 games.

Cave tallied 64 strikeouts and just 37 walks in 67.1 innings of work.

The Musketeers will look to build on the 21-34 record they racked up this past season (8-14 in A-10 play).

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Xavier women's golf team added three recruits for the 2001-2002 golf season, hoping to help cushion the departure of senior tri-captains Melissa Beck, Paula Greening and Chaley Peele.

"With the time frame we had, we were able to get three really good golfers from three states," said first-year head coach Tony Kountz said.

Abby Fowler, Sarah Sparks and Emily Shoplik join a squad led by the senior trio of Kim Farrell, Julie Italiano and Beth Hamilton.

RIFLE

The rifle team followed up their second-place finish at the 2000 NCAA Championships (the highest finish by a Xavier team in school history) with a fourth-place finish this past year.

Led by former Olympian Thrine Kane, who has earned All-American honors in both of her years at Xavier, the rifle team once again will be a force to be reckoned with.

Last year, Kane placed eighth overall in the smallbore contest and tied for third in the air rifle shootout. She was named First Team All-American by the National Rifle Association in air rifle and Second Team in smallbore.

Junior Joseph Fitzgibbon also garnered First Team All-American honors in the smallbore, while senior Danielle Langfield was named smallbore Honorable Mention.

TENNIS

Both tennis team's improved on their showings in the A-10 Tournament this past season, as the men earned a third-place finish and the women took fourth.

Both team's return strong squads, especially the men who will depend on seniors Danny Sturdevan, Aaron Bauer and Rob Bakker to lead them even further.

The women will depend on seniors Emily Senich, Beth Abraham and Kerrie Kramer to account for the loss of Natalie Palmenter. Sophomore Kate Weightman will



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Sophomore Nicole Giesting earned A-10 All-Rookie Team honors this past season.

also factor in greatly to the team's success this season.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Xavier cross country team closed its season at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. The Musketeer men placed 26th in the competition, and the women finished 25th.

The women's team will look to its upperclassmen this season, while the men will depend on a core of younger runners to lead the way.

Head coach Scott Swain's squad rarely competes around town, but when they do we'll let you know, and it would be to your advantage to go check them out.

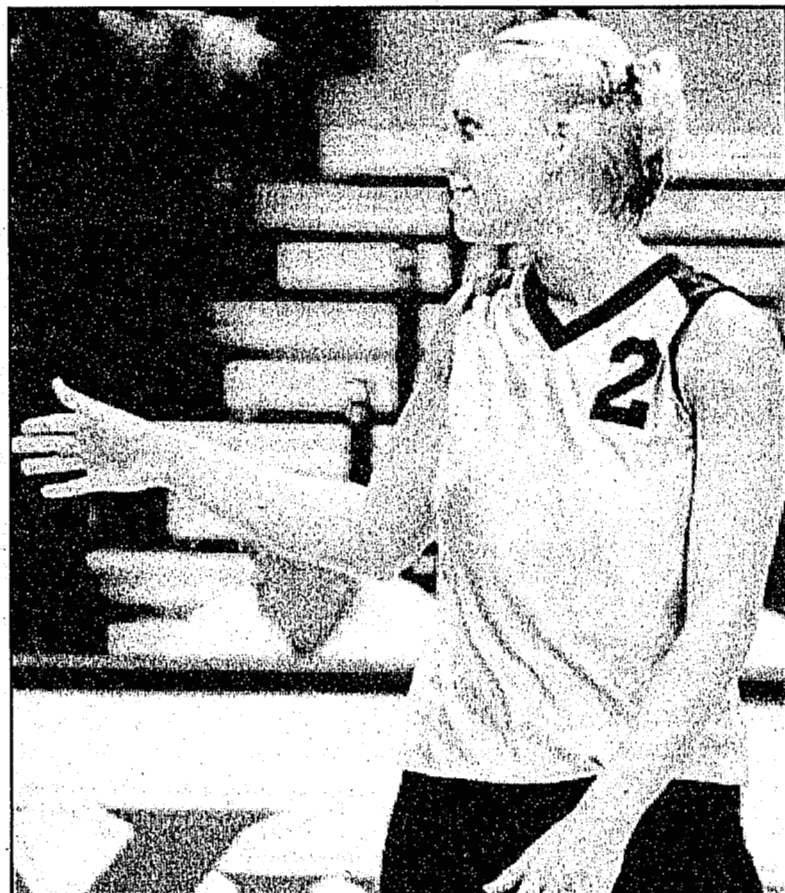
SWIMMING

Both the men's and women's teams enjoyed their best finishes in school history.

The women placed sixth in the Atlantic 10 Championships while the men took seventh.

With six new recruits coming aboard this season, the Musketeers might be able to take their progress even further.

"Our team continues to grow in both numbers and talent," said head coach George Rathman. "The four women and four men who will join our team will be relied upon to improve our team position in the Atlantic 10 Conference. I am looking forward to coaching them and hope they are excited about the opportunities at Xavier."



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Senior Sara Bachus was named the Atlantic 10 Player-of-the-Year after averaging 4.48 kills per game and posting an A-10 best .368 hitting percentage.

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